

Cromwell replaces Madriaga as SAB coordinator

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The position of Student Activities and Work and Community Service Coordinator remained vacant for a month after Jennifer Madriaga's resignation at the end of March. On May 1, however, students learned that the search was over and Kevin Cromwell, a Student Life Instructor at NCSSM, would permanently take over the job.

"We are very happy that Kevin accepted the position," said Dr. Joan Barber, Director of Student Life. "We interviewed some impressive candidates and he came out as the top person."

In addition to Cromwell's six years of experience as an SLI, he has been advisor to the prom committee. "Kevin has experience with our students," said Barber.

The position Cromwell filled is involved in many areas of student life on campus. He acts as head of the Work and Community

Service programs and helps organize student publications such as the Yearbook, Blue Mirror and Stentorian. Cromwell is also in charge



Kevin Cromwell uses new and innovative tools in his new position as SAB Co-ordinator.

of planning recreation and entertainment with the help of the Student Activities Board.

Barber is glad to know that the position is filled. "It is so important in the lives of the students," she said.

"I have enjoyed the interaction with the students," said Cromwell, SLI on Second

Hill East. Cromwell said that he will miss being an SLI, since accepting the new job will require him to resign from the SLI position at the end of the year. Until then, he will function in a dual role.

Cromwell looks forward to his new role for several reasons. "[This position] allows you to see the creative side of the students," he said. "You get to make them smile." Also, the regular working hours of SAB coordinator enable him to spend more time with his wife and new child.

Cromwell already has a few plans to make Student Activities better in the future. "I

hope to get more student

input and try to get more faculty and staff involved. We can make [NCSSM] a larger community."

To better please the student body, Cromwell wants the SAB representatives more influential in planning and running events.

"We will try to have one big activity a month with smaller ones each weekend," he said.

"Kevin did a lot of stuff for our hall, so I think he'll do a lot [for the whole school] as SAB coordinator," said Justin Chan, a junior on Cromwell's hall. "But," Chan added, "I'm disappointed that he's leaving us [Second Hill East]."

Jennifer Madriaga previously held the position that is now Cromwell's. Madriaga left NCSSM before Easter break to pursue her graduate studies at Duke.

"I think Kevin will do a great job," said junior Yvette Chuang, who knew Madriaga well but also worked with Cromwell on the prom committee.

Cromwell began his new job on May 8, and he looks forward to the opportunity to get to know everyone on the NCSSM campus. "The big part is the students," said Cromwell, and he promises to meet their needs and provide them with a well-rounded experience. "The opportunities [at NCSSM] are amazing."

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upset about is the way things turned out in the afternoon."

Although Williams, Eaddy, and Kolena knew of the bye, they were not aware of the exact details on how the awards to Science and Math were going to be presented.

"We really didn't know how it was going to work," said Eaddy. "Originally we had been told that we would still receive awards for the events that we placed in, yet we did not find out until the actual ceremony that the awards were going to be given to us after everyone had already left."

Mary Jean Leonardi, co-sponsor of the team, said that the NCSSM Science Olympiad team should be grateful that they were even allowed to get the extra practice in the regional competition.

"The regional competition allowed our team to get the extra practice before States. Medals cost money, and, later, we did in fact receive them," Leonardi stated.

Williams agrees. "We aren't even a part of the Central Region. Our regionals fell during the February extended, so we are privileged that we were even allowed to compete in the Greensboro competition."

Senior group leader Sid Prabhu said that

for this reason, it was fair for NCSSM to receive a bye.

"It's unfair for public schools to have to compete with a magnet school like ours," said Prabhu. "We've got more talent, especially in the science area, and so we are depriving people of their medals. I knew about the bye before the competition but I agree with most of the members that it was not right for us to have to wait for our medals until the ceremony was over. [Science Olympiad officials] should have given double medals in front of everyone to make things fair to us, too."

Williams does not agree with the animosity of team members towards Science Olympiad officials. "The Science Olympiad officials should not be blamed. It's more like the animosity of the members should be directed toward [Eaddy, Kolena and me] for not telling them about the bye to begin with. Again, we should instead thank the officials for letting us even receive medals and for even getting to participate in such a competition."

Selected members participated in the state competition on March 22. Decisions about next year's proceedings concerning the bye have not yet been discussed.

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Leutze's doctoral studies brought him to Duke University where he earned a Ph.D. in 1968, writing his doctoral dissertation on "Churchill and Roosevelt: British-American Naval Relations, 1937-1941."

"Academically, Dr. Leutze is a military historian who can tell fascinating stories," says Friedrick.

Leutze began his collegiate career at Chapel Hill in 1968 as an assistant professor of history. He rose to the position of associate and the full professor and chaired the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense. Leutze's first administrative position was as President of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia in 1987, but he returned to North Carolina as Chancellor of UNCW in 1990.

Leutze is an avid writer, having written or edited four history books. He has written and continues to write reviews and articles for various periodicals, including the Raleigh News and Observer. Leutze is active in local, regional, and state organizations, includ-

ing some brief political experience.

He is the recipient of several major awards for his accomplishments in the field of education, including the Standard Oil Award for "excellence in teaching," the Tanner Award for "distinguished undergraduate education," and the Bernath Prize for "distinguished publication in the area of American foreign policy."

Leutze sees his work at UNCW much as students see life at NCSSM when accepting the greater challenge. He finds challenges in the leadership role of chancellor.

Since taking his position, he has made changes at UNCW that have resulted in its heightened academic reputation, according to Wilmington Magazine.

"The biggest challenge is putting together a team of people who share, or can be convinced to share, your vision or approach to doing things," said Leutze in a Wilmington Magazine interview.